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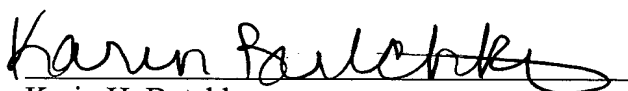
A hollow-interior vehicle door consisting of an internal in its entirety essentially pot-shaped stiffening structure, and of at least one external outer panel element being essentially lid-shaped and supported by the essentially pot-shaped or pan-shaped stiffening structure, such as a door skin, as well as of functional parts for practicing the door functions, and of optionally an inner panel element, in which the essentially pot-shaped or pan-shaped stiffening structure serves to accommodate functional parts of the vehicle door. The essentially pot-shaped or pan-shaped stiffening structure is divided into two parts, in fact, into a first frame-shaped stiffening element for supporting the outer panel element and into a second essentially pot-shaped or pan-shaped stiffening element for supporting functional parts of the vehicle door and that the two stiffening elements have, in the area of the outward-pointing, thus in Y-direction pointing, side walls of the door interior, elongated, preferably frame-shaped connecting surfaces which define the access opening to the door interior.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests examination of this application.

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SPECIFICATION

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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CLAIMS

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ABSTRACT

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A [hollow] ~~Hollow~~-interior vehicle door consisting of an internal in its entirety essentially pot-shaped stiffening structure, and of at least one external outer panel element being essentially lid-shaped and supported by the essentially pot-shaped or pan-shaped stiffening structure, such as a door skin, as well as of functional parts for practicing the door functions, and of optionally an inner panel element, in which the essentially pot-shaped or pan-shaped stiffening structure serves to accommodate functional parts of the vehicle door. The essentially pot-shaped or pan-shaped stiffening structure is divided into two parts, in fact, into a first frame-shaped stiffening element [(12)] for supporting the outer panel element [(outer panel 10)] and into a second essentially pot-shaped or pan-shaped stiffening element [(14)] for supporting functional parts of the vehicle door [(1)] and that the two stiffening elements [(12 and 14)] have, in the area of the outward-pointing, thus in Y-direction pointing, side walls of the door interior [(1A)], elongated, preferably frame-shaped connecting surfaces [(18 and 18')] which define the access opening [(1B)] to the door interior [(1A)].